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Applicant: Minoru MATSUDA et al. Conf.: 7407  
Appl. No.: 09/987,617 Group: 3748  
Filed: November 15, 2001 Examiner: J. Corrigan  
For: VALVE SYSTEM FOR OHV-TYPE FOUR-CYCLE  
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 16, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes an amended Claim Set and Remarks.

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<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM								\$290	\$0.00
								TOTAL	\$0.00

- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
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- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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